

## SILENT ZONE MUTING SYSTEM

### ABSTRACT

5           A muting system (10) according to the present invention enables wireless  
communication devices (16,18) that enter a silent zone to generate a silent zone  
advisory message (64) and subsequently mute the wireless communication devices  
(16, 18). A muting device (14) remotely instructs the wireless communication  
devices (16, 18) to enter a silent mode. A digital information system (20) maintains  
10   muting status information that includes information such as the event description,  
location, and duration in a categorized formation. The digital information center (20)  
remotely communicates the muting status information to the wireless communication  
devices (16, 18) so that the wireless communication devices (16, 18) can generate a  
silent zone advisory message to communicate the status information to callers while  
15   the devices are muted.